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## 5 suspected in Superbowl window bashing

Members of GCHS wrestling team apparently involved in incidents

By Scott Kelly

Staff writer

Granite City Police have five prime suspects in the Superbowl Sunday car-window bashing.

The five suspects broke the windows on 51 cars in numerous locations in the city. According to police, the vandals used a pellet gun to break the windows.

Arrested Friday were Dwight A.

"Ike" Newman, 18, of the 100 block of Wilson Park Lane; and Lee A. Johnson, 18, of the 2400 block of Cleveland. Newman has been charged with 54 counts of criminal damage to property. Johnson was charged with 42 counts of criminal damage to property.

Maj. Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City Police Department said the State's Attorney's office in Edwardsville is treating each window break-

**'We are dismayed that the youth of our city would show such willful disregard for the rights and property of others.'**

Maj. Kip Pomeroy  
GCPD

ing as a separate, individual act.

Because of the cost of each individual damage — an estimated \$200 per window — not including the labor to replace them — each incident will be labeled a misdemeanor.

"We are dismayed that the youth of

our city would show such willful disregard for the rights and property of others," Pomeroy said. "We hope they are learning a very valuable lesson from their action."

Newman and Johnson were arrested at Granite City High School Fri-

day, he said.

Three others are also suspects in the window-breaking incidents. Warrants are being sought against them as juveniles.

GCHS Athletic Director Jerry McKechan said four of those involved in the incidents were starters on the wrestling squad at Granite City High School.

That group would include Newman, a senior varsity wrestler this year. The vandals struck during the evening, and all over the city, without following any apparent pattern or sticking to one neighborhood.

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## Livestock items to be auctioned

By Scott Cousins

Staff writer

If you want a little bit of livestock history, the St. Louis National Stockyards in National City is the place to be Wednesday.

### STOCKYARDS

The company, which recently closed its livestock operations at that location in favor of economic development, is auctioning livestock pens and other related items.

The auction will begin at 10 a.m., and will be conducted throughout the 600-acre stockyard property, said Joe Frei, vice president of development for the company. The stockyard entrance is located near the border of National City and East St. Louis on Illinois 3.

"We're getting ready," he said Thursday.

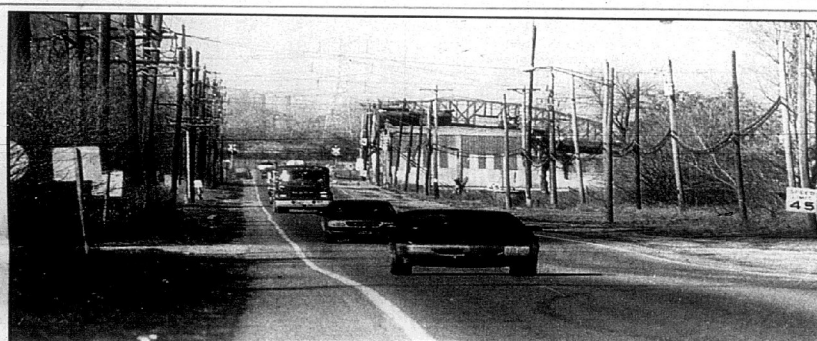
Although the stockyard operation has ceased, Frei noted that the restaurant is still open, and business is picking up again.

"There are more and more people who have realized that we have not closed the restaurant, just the livestock aspect," he said.

Frei said the company was in the process of forming a development plan for the property. Approximately 400 acres can be developed.

The East St. Louis area was once one of the largest livestock and meat packing centers in the nation, but with the closing of the meat packing plants and changes in the

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Commuters along Highway 3, as in this shot south of Venice, could have an alternate route to travel in the future.

## IDOT plans concern residents

By Scott Cousins

Staff writer

About 45 people, many of them Venice residents who could lose their homes, attended a public forum Thursday on the relocation of Highway 3.

Although the project has received no construction funding, preliminary engineering continues on the \$70 million project.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has had long-standing plans to make major improvements to a six-mile section of Hwy. 3 from Venice to Sauget.

"Most of this segment of Illinois 3 is a winding, predominantly two-lane highway complicated by numerous intersections and at-grade

### VENICE

railroad crossings," according to an information sheet handed out at the meeting.

"The new alignment will provide opportunity for new development along the riverfront," it stated.

"The project will provide more efficient access to existing and potential development within the study corridor including Sauget, East St. Louis, National City, Brooklyn and Venice."

The relocated road will also provide access to four bridges: Poplar Street, Eads, McKinley and the proposed new Interstate 70 bridge south of the McKinley Bridge.

The proposed alignment begins approximately 2,000 feet north of Broadway Avenue in Venice, loops southeast around Brooklyn, then heads southwest, where it ends approximately 300 feet north of Monsanto Avenue in Sauget.

The proposed improvements would consist of a four-lane road with partially-controlled highway access.

IDOT Project Engineer Tom Siekmann said most of the questions are about funding.

"So far, when can you build it, is the funding available," he said. "A lot of people are anxious to see something like this occur."

"Unfortunately we don't have the construction funding in our five-year

(See ROUTE, Page 2A)

## Coolidge students suspended

Drug policy enforced

By Scott Kelly

Staff writer

Granite City School District's no-drugs policy, but at least one parent is angry at the hard-line stance.

In the latest incident, which occurred Jan. 21 at Coolidge Middle School, three students doing three different things with Ex-Lax were suspended.

The suspensions were three days in-house for one student, and 10 days in-house for the other two.

"It's a violation of the revised school policy of over-the-counter medication," said Steve Balen, District 9 superintendent.

**'There's no such thing as a safe medication.'**

Steve Balen  
superintendent

Apparently, one student brought the Ex-Lax to school, and passed it to other students. At one time, one or more of the students put some of the laxative in another student's drink in the cafeteria.

"In the course of the day they tried to palm it off as candy," Balen said.

Dawn Bracamontes, mother of one of the students, is angry over what she and her husband see as an ambiguous, too-harsh policy. All her son did, she said, was throw the Ex-Lax into the trash.

"He did admit he had it but he threw it away after another student gave it to him," Bracamontes said. Her son had nothing to do with putting the laxative in another student's drink, she said.

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## Village approves Lukas annexation

By Scott Cousins

Staff writer

The annexation of the Lukas property by Pontoon Beach has been approved by the Vil-

lage Board.

Pontoon Beach Mayor Glen Wilson said Thursday that trustees annexed the 120-acre property to keep Edwardsville at bay.

### PONTOON BEACH

"Edwardsville has come all the way down to (Highway) 111. I'd rather have (the tract that was annexed) than have it belong to Edwardsville," Wilson said.

"Nothing against Edwardsville, but it's too close to us."

Voting in favor of the annexation at Tuesday's meeting were Trustees Bob Vincent, Bob Abel and Lou Whitsell. Voting against were Irene Karlechik and Randy Presswood. Trustee Gus Falter was absent.

The vote on the annexation had been tabled at the last meeting at the request of Kar-

lechik and Presswood.

The property, on the west side of Hwy. 111 just north of Interstate 270, is part of the Gateway Commerce Center enterprise zone.

Gateway is a large tract to be developed for light-industrial use near the intersection of I-270 and Hwy. 111.

The property, owned by the Lukas family, has been a thorn in Gateway's side for months. Gateway's developers enlisted the help of the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority to try to force the owners to sell.

SWIDA Executive Director Alan Ortals said the county had asked the agency to con-

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**Where's winter?** — Erline Robinson takes advantage of the recent upsurge in temperatures to walk through Wilson Park with her granddaughter Tabitha Robinson, 4, and her poodle Gigi.

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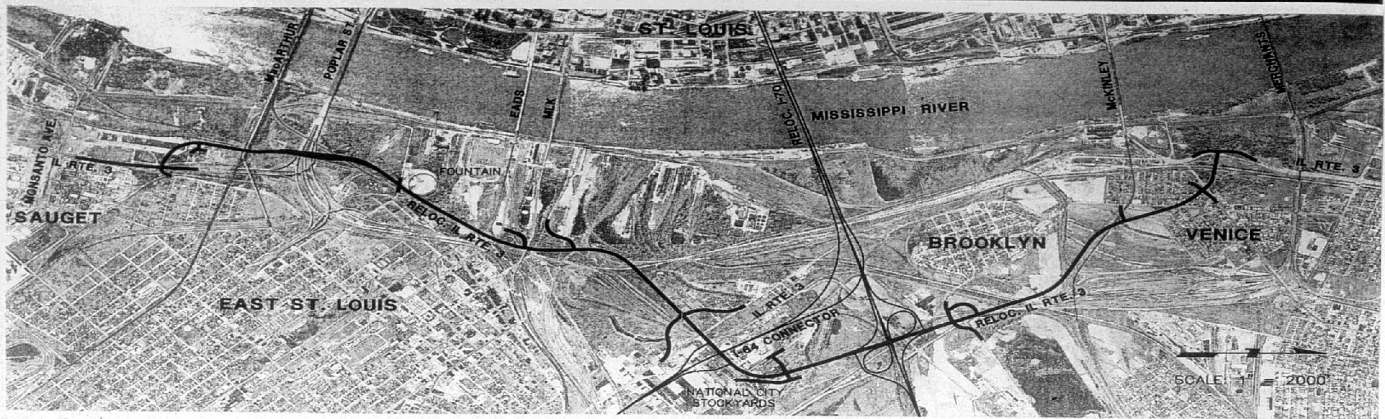
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The map shows the proposed route, beginning at the McKinley Bridge and ending near the Monsanto plant in Sauget.

## Route

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program, but we have funding for preliminary engineering to keep the project going in the design stage. Hopefully that construction funding will be right around the corner."

State Rep. Wyvetter Young, D-East St. Louis, said funding would receive a high priority.

"The discussions haven't started yet," she said. "If and when a highway transportation package goes ahead, I think they will be given a good priority."

Many of those attending the meeting were Venice residents. Approximately 160 acres of right of way will have to be acquired, and some commercial and residential property owners may be displaced. Most of those properties are in Venice.

Venice Alderman Victor Val-

entine said relocating of residential and commercial property in Venice, as well as the safety of residents who remain, are major concerns.

"It seems to me that Venice took the bulk of it," he said, referring to the necessary relocations.

"I hate to see a highway go through a residential area," he said. "There's no way a property owner is going to get full value for their property."

"I think the plan is a little better than the plan we originally had," he said. "But it will also eliminate most of our business area."

All of the relocations in Venice will take place in the First Ward. Celestine Williams, who represents the ward on the Venice City Council, said she was very concerned and wanted more information.

"They're taking most of my ward," she said. "Taking all my good voters away, all my senior citizens."

"If I run for re-election I need their vote." Residents in the First Ward are split. While some did not want to talk about it, Carolyn Wilson, who lives in the 300 block of Fourth Street, said she didn't mind as long as she could find another home in the area.

"It's OK, as long as they relocate me somewhere in my community, I don't want to leave my community," she said.

RC Bush, executive director of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, said the project is "very badly needed."

"We've all been lobbying very hard for improved transportation into St. Louis and

north and south along the river," Bush said. "It's really important to us."

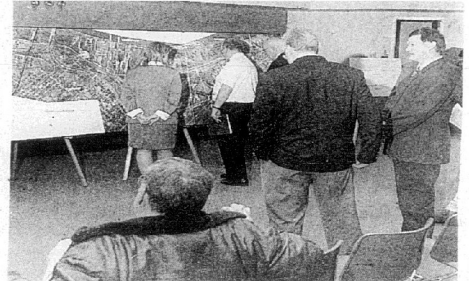
Joe Frei, vice president of development for the St. Louis National Stockyards, said his company was taking a close look at the proposal.

"It has a major impact because it's going through the front of our property and a lot of our property," he said. "We have not assessed as yet whether its positive or negative."

Frei said the stockyard's major concern was timing.

"It would be nice if we knew a specific time frame, that way we could be more definite in what we can do and what we can't do," he said.

A formal public hearing on the project is expected in June, and a design report and environmental impact statement is due in October.



Officials and residents mull around the display of the proposed new route at Thursday's public forum on the proposal.

Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Community

**THE PONTON BEACH KHOUZY LEAGUE INC.** has scheduled a Valentine's Day Dance for 6 p.m. to midnight Feb. 7 at the Venice State Club, 4156 Highway 162 in Ponton Beach. Food, beer, entertainment by Tom and Dave available. Cost is \$20 per couple, \$10 single person. For ticket information, call 931-1291.

**THE JAMES STUART CHAPTER DEMOLITION OFFICERS** invite all to support their Annual Chili Dinner from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Maroon Temple, 20th and Cleveland in Granite City. 33 gets hungry people as much as they can eat of homemade chili or hot dogs, a desert and a drink of soda, milk or coffee. Carry-outs are available. The Chili Day has been the Chapter's main fund raiser for more than 50 years.

An "Easter Parade," the 13th Annual Spring Dinner Dance and Auction sponsored by the **QAS 512 MILE HIGH SOCIETY**, will be held March 28 at St. Gregory Armenian Hall, 1801 Century Drive in Granite City. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., there will be a cash bar as well as a silent auction. Gifts for the auction have been donated by merchants, members and many friends of the Society.

At 6:15 p.m., the dinner, catered by Jerry's, will be served. Entertainment provided by the Silver Belles and a Beau, a group from Belleville. Lillian Delphi will conduct the drawing to determine the winner of a full-size, hand-made quilt. Tickets

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## Damages —

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The damages were not confined to one area, either, as is often the case, Pomeroy said. Cars were damaged at Benton and Cleveland near Wilson Park, and in East Granite, at Lincoln and East 24th Street and at St. John's Cemetery on Nameoki Road.

The time the vandals struck could not have been better, because the majority of people were probably watching the Superbowl.

Everyone was inside watching the game, Pomeroy said Wednesday, giving the vandals the perfect opportunity to strike.

(Some information for this story provided by staff writer Pat Heston.)

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## Madison

By Scott C. Staff writer

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By Scott C. Staff writer

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## NEWS

## Madison expands financial district

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The expansion of the city of Madison's tax increment financing district has been approved by the City Council.

In a series of six ordinances and three resolutions, the council last week expanded the TIF accepted survey plats for the land, terminated enterprise zone tax abatements in the area and set target dates for redevelopment proposals.

The council terminated the enterprise zone tax abatement because it conflicts with the TIF funding mechanism.

The redevelopment proposals must be submitted to the city. The first deadline — Feb. 10 — is for the golf course area. Mayor John Hamm said this would be a formality because the land is already being developed. Proposals for the other areas are due March 10.

The expanded TIF will include the Gateway National Golf Links and associated developments, and will approximately double the 615-acre district.

It is being done in two tracts. The first tract includes mostly open ground on both sides of Highway 203 and Bend Road up to Harrison Street. The second tract is northeast of the intersection of the two roads and includes a number of residential structures, mobile homes and some industrial property.

Major redevelopment projects already underway include the \$8 million Gateway National Golf Links and more than \$600,000 in improvements at Maverick Transport Co.

Other proposed developments within the expanded district include possible motels and restaurants near the golf course. All the land within the TIF will be zoned for business and light industrial use.

In a TIF district, the amount of tax revenue received by cities and other taxing bodies is frozen, and any increase in tax revenue is placed in a special account to be used only inside the district.

A local environmental group, the Madison County Conservation Alliance, had opposed the

TIF, citing potential damage to "environmentally sensitive areas" and wetlands.

In a related matter, the council approved seeking bids for about 40 acres of land it owns on the eastern side of Bend Road. The land — known as the Whitehead property — includes "Lake Madison" and land south of the lake.

Hamm said racetrack developer Chris Pook had offered to buy the land, but statutes require the city to seek bids on it.

Pook had offered \$8,000 per acre for the land, and \$1,000 per acre for the lake property. Hamm said that was based on the price paid on nearby land acquired by Pook using the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority's "quick-take" power.

The city will retain approximately 15 acres north of the lake.

The minimum bid will be \$194,650, and proceeds from the sale will go in to one of the city's capital improvement funds.

## Diamond in the rough



Lynn Rieger, left, realtor associate, was presented with a special company award at CVM Realty's office sales meeting by her broker, Jeanette Holder. Rieger recently surpassed 55 units and/or \$5 million in sales for 1997, thus earning the Diamond Award from the Illinois Association of Realtors.

## Man charged after refusal to release child

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A child custody dispute has led to felony charges against a Madison man.

Eric W. Hurlbut, 29, of the 2000 block of Beckwith, was charged Thursday with aggravated battery and child abduction, both felonies, and unlawful violation of an order of protection, resisting arrest and escape, all misdemeanors.

The charges stem from Hurlbut's alleged refusal to hand over custody of his infant son to his estranged wife. He was charged with assault after allegedly striking a Madison police officer while attempting

to flee.

He was released after posting bond Thursday morning.

On Tuesday, a Madison County judge granted Hurlbut's wife an emergency order of protection, including custody of the child.

According to police reports, later that day his wife went to the Madison Police department and asked for help to obtain their son.

Madison and Madison County officers went to Hurlbut's home. He eventually appeared, but would not tell officers where his son was. He eventually became abusive, and when told he was under arrest for violating the order of protection, he struggled with officers and fled into the house.

During the struggle, a Madison police officer was struck on the side of the head. When Hurlbut fled into the house, the officer was dragged in, but lost his grip on the suspect.

Hurlbut eventually fled out a bedroom window.

Later that night, according to police reports Hurlbut's father called the police department and attempted to cut a deal with police to reduce charges. He was told a judge would have to decide that, but that things would go easier if Hurlbut turned himself in.

Hurlbut surrendered to police about two hours later.

## 2 indicted in unrelated incidents

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Two Granite City residents were indicted Thursday by a

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Madison County judge in separate incidents.

Sharon L. DuBois, 47, of the 1500 block of Cleveland, was charged with aggravated arson, a Class 10 felony. According to police, DuBois set fire to a home on the 1900 block of Cleveland on Jan. 15.

The charge is aggravated because there were people inside the home at the time.

The reason for allegedly setting the fire will remain a mystery for now, said Maj. Kim Pomeroy, because she chose to purchase her right to remain silent.

DuBois is currently being held in Madison County Jail on bond of \$150,000.

In an unrelated incident, Zachary A. Night, 17, of the 1700 block of Delmar in Granite City, was indicted with a charge of predatory criminal sexual assault.

According to police reports, Night allegedly had full sexual intercourse with a girl under 13 years old several times from January 1997 to January 1998.

The charge generally carries a sentence of six to 30 years, said Pomeroy. Night is currently being held in Madison County Jail. Bond has been set at \$150,000.

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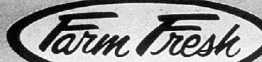
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## NEWS

## OBITUARIES

## Juanita Crawley

JUANITA M. (DOTY) CRAWLEY, 70, of Granite City died at 6 p.m. Jan. 29, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born April 23, 1927, in Granite City to Dale and Lilly Mae (Perkins) Doty. For four years she was a nurse in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years, Thomas Crawley of Granite City; a sister, Linda Halwachs of Pontoon Beach; and her step-father, Leon Cruise of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Eugene Doty; and one sister, Doris Jones. Services were Friday, Jan. 30, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Bill Davidson officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

## Mary Wondra

MARY A. (SAZAMA) WONDRA, 82, of Granite City died at 12:53 p.m. Jan. 26, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Mayville.

Born Jan. 17, 1916, in East St. Louis, she lived for the last 25 years in Granite City. She retired after 10 years in the tax assessor's office. Mrs. Wondra was a member of Grace Baptist Church and very active in the Democratic Party.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Wondra; two daughters, Carol Gwyn of Potosi, Mo., and Marilyn Griffith of Granite City; and one brother, Joseph Sazama of Collinsville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Eva (Svehla) Sazama. Services were to be at 1:30 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel. Burial was to be in Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

## Eleanore Tensign

ELEANORE CLARICE (SYERS) TENSIGN, 79, of Granite City died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1995, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Ms. Tensign lived for some time in Granite City and for the last 30 years in Washington Park. She was a member of the nursing profession for 20 years at Christian Welfare Hospital and a member of St. Martin's Catholic Church in Washington Park.

Survivors include two sons, Raymond Martin of Caseyville and Charles Martin of Lenoire, La.; a daughter, Sandra Dudley of

Wahoo, Neb.; one sister, Bernadine Gobble of Troy; and eight grandchildren. Patricia Scheele, Michael Ray, Brenda Merrick, David Ray, and William, Michelle, Charles and Van Martin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Grace (Horell) Syers; and her husband, Francis Tensign.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at Werner Chapel. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday followed by burial in St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Ernest M. Sendejas

ERNEST M. SENDEJAS, 82, of Collinsville died Friday, Jan. 30, 1995, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. He was born Oct. 28, 1915 in Carpenter.

Mr. Sendejas owned and operated Ernie and Annie's tavern and restaurant in Granite City for 10 years. He retired in August 1974. He was previously employed for 17 years as a driver for the Dellmann Bottling Co. in Collinsville. He was a drummer for the R.S.V.P. Orchestra from 1951-1985. He was a member of AARP and Mexican Honorary Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Maria (Mata) Sendejas; one brother, Raymond Sendejas; and one sister, Josephine Grana.

Surviving are his wife, Annie (Gleivando) Sendejas, whom he married April 15, 1935, in Waterloo; one daughter, Joan Serrano of Collinsville; two grandchildren, Alicia Serrano Barri and Derrick Serrano; four great-grandchildren, Cameron, Gavin, Cannon, and Dillon.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Herbert A. Kassidy Funeral Home Ltd. in Collinsville with the Rev. David Stabenfeldt officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Collinsville. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. John Evangelical United Church of Christ or the donor's choice.

Mary Zumer

MARY E. (DERNEY) ZUMER, of Fairview Heights, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 1995 at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Mrs. Zumer was born Sept. 10, 1914 in Madison.

Survivors include two daughters, Ernest Zumer of Downey, Calif., and Beverly Konkol of Greenfield, Wis.; two brothers, Frank Derney of Madison, and Joseph Delach of Maryville; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis Derney and Mary (Hofst) Delach; stepfather, Peter Delach; and her husband Ernest Zumer.

Services were Thursday, Jan. 29

at Kassidy Mortuary Chapel, Fairview Heights. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Mausoleum, Fairview Heights.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, St. Louis Unit; or C.S.A. Scholarship Fund.

## Robert Marshall

ROBERT W. MARSHALL, 36, of Long Beach, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 1995, at Long Beach (Calif.) Community Hospital. Born May 30, 1951, in St. Louis, Mr. Marshall had lived in Granite City for 15 years.

Mr. Marshall had been disabled for three years.

Survivors include his mother, Edna Marshall, and his father, Chester Marshall, both of Pontoon Beach; a son, Lee William Marshall of Chicago; a sister, Christina Walsh of Moberly, Mo.; and five brothers, Sam Marshall, Kenneth Marshall, James Marshall and Scott Marshall, all of Granite City, and Vernon Marshall of Tehachapi, Calif.

A memorial service will be at noon Sunday, Feb. 1 at his mother's home, 4225 Highway 162, Granite City. Burial will be in Rocky Ridge, Mo.

David Votrain

DAVID MICHAEL VOTRAIN, 47, died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 1995, in Norton Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Votrain was born June 13, 1950 in Granite City. He was an Air Force veteran and was operations manager for Commonwealth Energy Services in Louisville.

Survivors include his wife, Eve

Votrain; and two sisters, Cindy Cassens of Edwardsville and Anna Jensen of Glen Carbon.

He was preceded in death by an infant son.

Services were Friday, Jan. 30 at First Baptist Church of Edwardsville, with the Rev. J. R. Heikes officiating. Burial was in Buck Road Cemetery, Collinsville.

Memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church of Edwardsville.

Weber Funeral Home, 304 W. Main, Edwardsville handled arrangements.

Literature competition sponsored by

The St. Louis Chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters is sponsoring a 1995 Literature Competition.

Prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$750 to first, second and third place will be awarded.

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## March of Dimes walk set

Teams are forming and folks are preparing to step out for WalkAmerica 1995, the nation's oldest and largest walk to benefit healthy babies and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Organizers are enlisting local companies and mapping nine walk sites in the greater St. Louis area and the Metro East areas to accommodate the anticipated 10,000 walkers on April 25. Nationally, 1 million people will take to the streets to help fund medical breakthroughs for healthy babies.

For more information on packages and forming a team, contact the March of Dimes at (314) 961-1164.

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age and citizens of the United States. Entry fee is \$15. Winners will be announced in mid-March.

The first place winner in the St. Louis regional competition will be sent to the National Competition in Ann Arbor, Mich. in May. The first place prize there will be \$10,000.

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Submissions must be received by Feb. 15. Contestants must be 19 to 29 years of

"We've got a lot in the works for this year's events — lively walk sites, celebrities and great prizes," said Mike Sears, president of McDonnell Aircraft.

April 25 walk sites are being mapped in downtown St. Louis, West County, St. Charles, Franklin and Jefferson counties; and Alton; Belleville; and Edwardsville. A walk in Forest Park — the popular "Starlight Stroll" — will be April 30.

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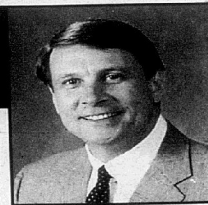
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A Cardiac Risk Blood Profile will be offered on Saturday, February 14. Fasting is required. Fee is \$15. Results will be available at the Heart Program on Wednesday, February 18, between 6 and 7 p.m. Registration is required.

## Wednesday, February 18

7:00 p.m. Two cardiac rehabilitation patients will be crowned "King and Queen of Hearts."

7:15 p.m. "The Role of Exercise in the Prevention and Treatment of Heart Disease" presented by Cardiologist William F. Southworth, MD, Cardiology Consultants, Inc.



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## NEWS

# Bus stop

## Officials battle over bus facility, property

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Fallout from the Mitchell incorporation fight has caused friction between the village of Pontoon Beach and the Madison County Transit District. While the village has said it may issue a stop-work order on construction of MCT's new bus facility, MCT officials approved taking whatever action is necessary to remain on schedule, including de-annexing from the village. The dispute centers on the failure of the transit district to obtain building permits from

the village for its new bus facility, which was annexed into the village in August. District manager Jerry Kane said MCT obtained the original building permits from the county, and has not sought village permits because of "cloudy" situation regarding the annexation. The annexed land is part of what would have been the proposed village of Mitchell. Because of a lawsuit filed by Mitchell supporters over the Madison County Board's refusal to allow an incorporation vote, the legality of some annexations in that area — by

Pontoon Beach, Edwardsville and Granite City — have been questioned. On Thursday, district officials said they had been told the Madison County State's Attorney's office has been studying the legality of the annexations. State's Attorney Bill Haine said he had received copies of letters sent between the village and the district. However, he said his office has not taken an official stand on the situation yet. "All this is thrown into limbo because of Mitchell," he said of the annexations. MCT attorney Bill Beatty spoke briefly at Tuesday's

Pontoon Beach Village Board meeting. He had requested to meet with the board in executive session, but trustees refused. "They were somewhat hostile to us at the meeting," Beatty said, adding one trustee referred to Mitchell as "a wide spot in the road." "All we were trying to do is make sure all our property was within the same municipality," Beatty said. "We want to avoid getting into the middle of a fight between Pontoon Beach and Mitchell." Pontoon Beach officials could not be reached for comment.

### Park sponsors trip to syrup camp

The Granite City Park District is sponsoring a trip to Shirley, Ill. on March 3 to witness pure maple syrup production. Syrup is produced at only a handful of places in the Midwest, which makes for a large interest at the camp at Funk's Grove. The cold weather crop has a short-lived season of four to six weeks. The syrup produced here will be for sale.

Another attraction of the day will be a stop at the Nestle-Beich Candy Factory in Bloomington, Ill. A tour of the candy production will be offered before a stop in the factory candy store, where "seconds" may be purchased at greatly reduced cost. Lunch will be at the Country Kitchen restaurant with each person choosing and paying for a meal of his or her choice. Because Funk's Grove is located on Old Route 66, that will be the route followed on the way home.

The cost of the trip is \$29 per person, which will include the activities at Funk's Grove and the Nestle-Beich factory. Residents of the Park District will have priority in signing up, with nonresidents placed on a waiting list and notified one week later. Registration for the trip is at 8 a.m. Thursday at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. One person may sign up for up to four people with proof of residence necessary for each person. Nonresidents in line will be placed on the waiting list immediately or may call the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059, after noon.

### Gateway

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demn the property. He said they have already filed suit on the matter, and that would continue.

Jim Grandone, a Gateway spokesman, said the developer had been trying to acquire the property since fall 1996. "TriStar (Gateway's developer) will work with whatever municipality has jurisdiction over the property," he said. Edwardsville Mayor Gary Niebur declined to comment.

In other business, the Village Board approved three business licenses.

Licenses were approved for Pontoon Shell at 4150 Pontoon Road; an auto body shop owned by Ronald Farrington at 3676 Highway 111; and Stick With Us Vending, Inc. of 2379 Grissom Dr., St. Louis. Although the vending company is not located in Pontoon Beach, a license is required to conduct business in the village.

### Drugs

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According to district policy, the school administrator will administer a 10-day suspension as outlined in the district suspension policy, and parents are to be informed. Policy also requires any prescription or over-the-counter medication to be handled and dispensed by the school nurse. All three students were immediately suspended. After hearing testimony from Coeledge school officials, however, Bracamontes' son's suspension

was reduced to three days in-house suspension with the Coordinated Youth Center. "It was (finally) put on his record that he had a 'board policy prohibited drug,'" Bracamontes said. Bracamontes said she was told that her son would be used as an example of the drug policy. "I don't appreciate them using my kid as an example to uphold their policy," Bracamontes said. However, Balen said her son

was not being singled out. For instance, examples were made of students who were expelled in recent months for possessing hard drugs, he said.

Some parents of the drug policy as being far too harsh. Last fall, the school board overturned two student suspensions for having ibuprofen, another over-the-counter medication, after parents protested.

"According to their policy, they don't view Ex-Lax any different than marijuana," Bracamontes said. Balen would agree. "There's no such thing as a safe medication," he said.

because each individual reacts differently to drugs, and no one can anticipate how every one would react to one single medication.

"If we're to get drugs out of school, we need kids to have respect for drugs," Balen said. Students are exposed quite often to the district's drug policy, he said, in announcements, lectures, orientations and the school handbook.

Plus, the no-tolerance drug policy seems to be working. During recent, random drug searches of the high school and middle school, the dogs found no trace of drugs, he said. "The word is getting out. We're being consistent in our enforcement," he said.

Bracamontes said she has contacted a lawyer over the matter, because she believes it is not right that the incident is on her son's record and that the policy is unfair.

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Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Mon. & Wed., until April 1.  
**Dupo High School**, 600 Louisa Ave.  
Register 6:30 p.m., Tues., Feb. 3, Room 101  
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., until March 31.  
**O'Fallon High School**, 600 S. Smiley Road  
Register 6:30 p.m., Tues., Feb. 3, Room 111  
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., until March 31.  
**Kretnier Elementary School**, 9000 College Ave.  
Register 6:30 p.m., Tues., Feb. 3, Room 102  
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., until March 31.  
**Granite City Campus**, 4950 Maryville Road  
Register 6:30 p.m., Mon., Feb. 9, Cafeteria  
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Mon. & Wed., until April 8.  
**Highland High School**, 12760 Troxler Lane  
Register 6:30 p.m., Tues., Feb. 10, Room 111  
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., until April 7.  
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Register 6:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 12, lower level  
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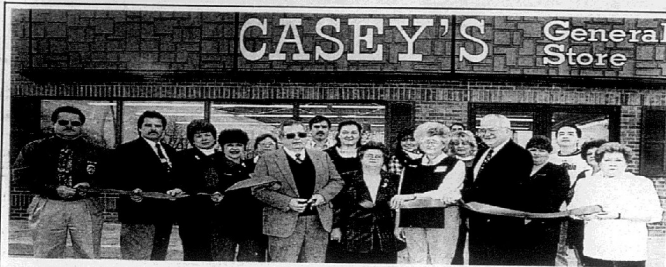
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### New business

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## Company ranked for growth

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The 1997 Deloitte and Touche Technology Fast 500 winners were listed in the January issue of Red Herring maga-

zine. The list was compiled from 16 regions of the United States, and the rankings were determined by calculating revenue growth rate over the last five years.

CDM's revenue growth from 1992 to 1996 was 14.51 percent.

Brian L. Matthews, chief executive officer, said, "CDM's dramatic growth over the past five years can be directly related to having a good idea, good marketing partners and great employees to implement that idea."

"We hope to continue our

fast pace for many years to come."

CDM also owns Primary Network, one of the largest Internet service providers in St. Louis and Kansas City, and is involved in bringing the River City Rascals minor league baseball team and the St. Charles Continental Basketball Association basketball team to the metropolitan area.

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## Metro East community concert to honor lay ministers

The Metro East Community Choral will hold a concert at 2 p.m. today at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 115 W. B Blvd. in Belleville. The concert will be in honor of lay ministers.

The group will also hold a concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Peace Lutheran Church, 1209 Royal Heights at Illinois 161 in Belleville. The concert will also feature a worker appreciation dinner.

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# Tentative property tax accord reached with Olin Corp.

By Paul A. Brinkmann  
Telegraph staff writer

Schools and local governments that have been negotiating with Olin Corp. about property taxes reached a tentative agreement Thursday but held off on announcing the deal.

A public hearing before the

Madison County Board of Review that had been planned for 1 p.m. Thursday was postponed until Feb. 17.

The delay means taxpayers must wait another month to learn whether Olin's good fortune will mean higher taxes for them.

"There has been a proposal

put on the table," East Alton Mayor Fred Bright said. "It's going to take a while for all the different boards and councils to agree on it."

Olin has objected to its property assessment this year. The corporation says its property is worth about \$10 million in assessed value, or about 81

percent less than the \$57 million in assessed value set by the Madison County Assessor's Office.

Similar assessment disputes filed this year by Shell Wood River Refining Co. in Roxana, and Clark Refining & Marketing Inc., in Hartford, remained unresolved Thursday.

Shell also received a time extension. The Clark matter was heard by the Board of Review, which will issue a decision on that dispute soon.

Three teams of schools and local governments are trying to block the industrial objections.

School and government offi-

cials met with their attorneys and Olin representatives until 1 a.m. Thursday at Olin's Center for Excellence on Powder Mill Road.

"They were burning the midnight oil last night on Olin," said Board of Review Chairman Kerry Miller.

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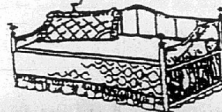
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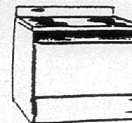
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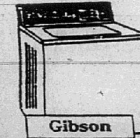


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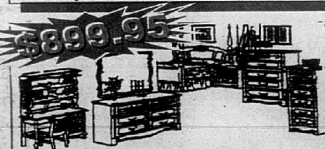
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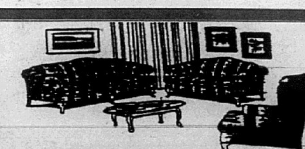


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## Prep hockey worth price of admission

Even with a recent reduction in gasoline prices, the best dollar value I've seen recently is the \$3 cost to watch a Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association game.

The score of the Belleville East victory against O'Fallon at Cahokia, where I watched my first MVCHA game, was far less of a concern than the high quality of play in the boys ice hockey contest.

"There's a craze for the game" is how MVCHA board member Steve Hemmer of Fairview Heights referred to the rapidly growing league.

One of the persons responsible for the expansion of the league to its current 14 varsity and 12 junior varsity teams for high school-aged players, Hemmer said the league has "blossomed way more than anticipated — and faster."

Affiliated with the Althoff team, Hemmer helped form the South Division that includes the Crusaders, Belleville East, West, Cahokia, Collinsville, Granite City, O'Fallon and Waterloo (on an exhibition game basis).

Two-time defending champion Edwardsville races the North Division but also includes Alton, Bethalto, East Alton-Wood River, Marquette, Roxana, Southwestern and the Jerseyville JV.

Interested in creating a separate league at one time, Hemmer said forming the South Division and merging two years ago was the best way to go.

"In two years time, the quality seems to have doubled," said Hemmer.

"There already are some Illinois teams able to compete with teams in Missouri where they have had hockey for high school players for more than 20 years. In another two or three years, I expect our top teams to be on a par with them."

Hockey has become so big in Illinois that some MVCHA games already have been broadcast on radio (WFUN-FM 96.5), including a game of the week thanks to promotions directed by MVCHA President Sam Guarino.

The league will get an even bigger boost in May with the completion of the U.S. Ice Sports Complex off Ruby Lane in Fairview Heights, a facility that will feature two NHL size rinks and total seating of nearly 1,000.

"When we start the next season in November, we'll have that facility in addition to East Alton, Cahokia and Granite City," said Hemmer.

The already-established rinks also are the site of youth (squirrel) league association play, including a team on which Hemmer's 11-year-old son Drew is a player.

Meanwhile, approximately 550 varsity and junior varsity players provide the type of action I witnessed and can expect seeing in the postseason in early March.

It comes as no surprise then to learn that teams from Freeburg, Highland and Triad are showing interest in expanding the MVCHA.

### Overtime

Hemmer also is the state chairman of the Prairie State hockey games, conducted last June at East Alton. This year he hopes to incorporate the Fairview Heights rinks to host games for players from squirt (age 11) to bantam (age 13) to high school.

Hemmer estimates the typical MVCHA team budget at \$20,000 with the cost per player at about \$575. Ice time cost \$150 per hour with insurance according to USA Hockey guidelines.

(See VOELLINGER, Page 2B)

## Tigers survive visit to GCHS

By Greg Shashack  
Staff writer

With Granite City envisioning an upset of sizeable proportions Friday night and the clock ticking toward overtime, Edwardsville's Matt Turner looked to the basket.

Victory looked back. Turner, stationed on the baseline beyond the arc, found a streaking Derek Cowan all alone under the basket, where Cowan hit a layup with 4 seconds left and the Tigers escaped Memorial Gymnasium with a 44-42 Southwestern Conference victory.

Edwardsville, which trailed by as many as three points just before losing 4-foot-7 senior Jon Harris to fouls with 4:32 left in the game, improved to 15-1 overall and 7-0 in the SWC.

## Cowan's layup with 4 seconds left lifts Edwardsville past Warriors

The Warriors fell to 11-10, 2-5 in the league. "I think we have to feel very fortunate that we won," said Edwardsville coach Mike Waldo, whose team returned home Saturday to take on the 13-6 Collinsville Kahoks. "I thought Granite City played a very good game."

Edwardsville led by as many as eight points (14-6) early in the game, but stuttered and stammered against a Warriors team it had dispatched 67-44 and 58-40 in their previous two meetings.

Granite City lost its leading scorer Dustin Brewer, who fouled out with 7 seconds left in the third quarter, but still almost managed to deal the Tigers a costly defeat. After Turner hit a crucial 3-pointer to give the Tigers a 42-40 lead with 3:39 left, the Warriors tied the score on a bucket from 6-6 junior Chris Tindall. But when Granite refused to come out of its zone, the Tigers held the ball at halfcourt, where Cowan and Mark Allaria killed most of the final 2 minutes.

utes, 40 seconds before Cowan darted to the bucket from the weak side for his game-winning basket.

"They were taking away Chris (LaRose) at the high post, and Derek just snuck down behind their zone and was wide open," said Turner, who finished with 10 points. "I just threw it to him and he made a nice catch and finish."

Harris scored 15 points to lead the Tigers, but fellow seniors Allaria (1 of 4), Cowan (1 of 4) and LaRose (3 of 10) combined to make just 5 of 18 shots from the field. Dan Lytle added seven points, all in the first half, for Edwardsville.

"I thought our guys did well defensively and kept us in the game when we had trouble scoring," Waldo said. "And then I thought we did a great job

(See WARRIORS, Page 4B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

## Awesome auto

Justin Via, an 18-year-old Marion High student and race car driver for the Wizard Motor Sports team, brought his vehicle to Granite City High School last week and talked to students about the car, the team and racing. The Wizard Motor Sports team includes Granite City resident Rod Wortham as one of the partners along with St. Louis Cardinals legend Ozzie Smith.



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

## Opening the MECCA

Belleville resident Derrick Crass, a participant in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic games as a weightlifter on the U.S. team, has opened the Metro East Center for Conditioning And Health. Located at 5308 N. Belt West in Belleville, MECCA is an outpatient physical therapy clinic as well as a personal training studio. See Page 2B for story.

## Lincoln turns back Maroons

By Toby Carrig  
Staff writer

Out of necessity, Belleville West's comeback attempt Friday night against East St. Louis is Lincoln kept coming back to a peculiar spot — the free-throw line.

While the Maroons dabbled

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at putting a dent in Lincoln's lead, the Tigers burned the nets in the fourth quarter Friday night en route to a 56-49 non-conference victory.

West entered the fourth quarter trailing 40-33 and failed to score a field goal for the first 5 minutes, 13 seconds of the final period. The Maroons, meanwhile, attempted six free throws and made five over that same span. But

(See LINCOLN, Page 4B)

## CHS shuts down Flyers

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Scoring just four points in one quarter just ain't going to cut it.

Just ask East St. Louis coach Dwight Howard. Collinsville shutout the Flyers 13-0 in the first quarter of the Class AA sectional semifinals on Friday night at East St. Louis.

"The name of the game is to put two halves together," Howard said. "We expect to be in the game but with the team we have — that is young — I worry about us playing consistent."

"In the third quarter, we came out and scored four points. You can't beat anybody unless you hold them to zero. You have to take your hat off to Collinsville with the defense they played because you have to give more credit as far as us not getting the shot and not getting it done. That's been the

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story behind us all year."

"The Kahoks (13-0, 5-2 in the SWC) have been very successful in the past few years, but it's important for most of the games, it's important for the importance of the game earlier in the week. For one, it was a SWC showdown but 13 victories will bode well for the Kahoks with the Class AA Sectional seeding meeting on Wednesday.

"I think this game was real big because this gives us 13 wins no matter what happens (Saturday night at Edwardsville)," Bone said. "The only losses we will have since Christmas will be to Belleville East."

Bone feels the 13 victories

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## Consistent Partl keeps CHS rolling

By Bill Hester  
Correspondent

Most bowlers would be pleased with games of 214 and 202. But that is well below the average for Collinsville High junior Tom Partl, who rolled those scores in the first two games of the four-game series which would determine the champion of the first annual Southern Illinois High School Bowling Conference Super Bowling Tournament on Jan. 24 at Camelot Bowl in Collinsville.

"Our team was in the third place after the two games and that wasn't good enough," Partl said. "I'm the captain of the team and I usually show a lot of emotion out there. I didn't in the first two games. I huddled with the guys before the third game and it came out with a changed attitude."

Partl finished with games of 237 and 234 as the Kahoks had magnificent scores of 1,213 in the third game and 1,148 in the fourth game. The Kahoks ended up winning the tournament going away.

"Any score of over 1,200 is an honor score in the United States," Partl said. "It's quite an accomplishment. I was proud of the way we played in the last two games."

"I'm also proud of our junior varsity team who stepped up and won their tournament."

Partl has been the emotional leader and top gun with the league-leading Collinsville High School team all season. He leads the SIHSBC in average (218) and high series (topping his own 729 vs. Alton with an



Athlete of the Week

incredible 800 series this past week against Edwardsville).

The high numbers are not uncommon for Partl, who bowls in the Masters' Division of the Gateway Traveling League.

"It shows that Tom has done a lot of bowling in his life," Collinsville High coach Brad Tayloe said. "He knows everybody at every alley we play. We saw his picture on the wall when we went to Cottonwood."

Partl has his picture on the "Wall of Fame" at Cottonwood in Edwardsville after rolling three 300 games in a span of just a week.

Partl had bowled a 300 as a 12-year-old at Granite City Bowl but had not repeated that feat until Nov. 24, 1997, when he did so at Cottonwood. Ironically, he shot another 300 that night on another shift and then added another 300 the following week.

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SPORTS

# Record doesn't show it, but Dutchmen improving

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

It hasn't shown up in the victory column, but Belleville Area College men's basketball coach Jay Harrington is finally starting to see improvement from his team.

"We're not winning right now, but in the last three games, we've played the type of defense I'm known for coaching," said Harrington, whose squad was 8-13 overall and 0-9 in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference heading into Thursday's home game against Southeastern Illinois.

"Offensively, we're still struggling really bad."

In back-to-back games, we were 7-for-20 and 12-for-26 from the foul line. Against Rend Lake (last Monday), we were 1-for-4 from the line in the last 15 seconds. They hit a 25-foot 3-pointer and we ended up losing by one point (68-67).

"I still feel we're the most

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dangerous team in the region, and if we put it all together, we can win. That might sound like a crazy statement, but a lot of other people in the region agree. We held (John A.) Logan to 20 points below their average, Kaskaskia 15 to 20 below and Rend Lake 10 below."

Still, Harrington admits the Dutchmen need major improvement in several areas before they can reach their potential.

"Our big people are still not giving us anything offensively or on the boards," he said. "If we get at least 10 rebounds from Sean Weller, Jeff Wennberg, Adam Modderell and Loy McVea, we can win some games by the end of the season."

Certain kids have changed their attitudes and actions off the floor, and just like with negative things, those positives

can start to multiply. They're learning you can't play here if you have bad outside influences. But I told the kids after that last game that I was as proud of them as I've been all year. It was a good effort."

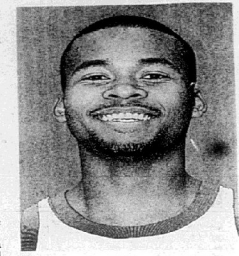
Several players in particular have been impressive in recent games.

"Bobby Washington (a sophomore from Lexington, Ky.) is doing a great job at point guard," Harrington said. "He's not scoring a lot of points, but he's running the team well."

"Melvin Cochran (a sophomore from Collinsville) has made a concerted effort to get his game back to its previous level. Kelly Norwood (a freshman from Mascoutah) is one of those guys who had to battle all that outside adversity, but he's really helped us the last few games. Clint Sizess (a freshman from Belleville East) is starting to understand that offense isn't the only thing at

"I still feel we're the most dangerous team in the region, and if we put it all together, we can win. That might sound like a crazy statement, but a lot of other people in the region agree."

— Jay Harrington  
BAC coach



Collinsville grad Melvin Cochran has picked up his game for Belleville Area College.

this level.

"It's very difficult to bring all those local all-stars and get them to play together. A lot of them have played against each other since grade school. Sometimes in practice, it seems like they're playing for themselves."

BAC was scheduled to play host to Florissant Valley on Saturday. In all, the Dutchmen have five consecutive non-conference games including one Central

(Feb. 7), Fontbonne JV (Feb. 9) and Wabash Valley (Feb. 11).

"We're hoping all those home games will help us out. Those injuries eventually led to a lot more cohesiveness and hard work. The kids almost dug their heels in. We don't want to be losers. All I ask is that they play together as a team and not as a group of individuals."

# Olympian Crass opens MECCA in Belleville

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

If you'd like to have a two-time Olympian as a physical therapist or personal trainer, it's time to check out MECCA.

Belleville resident Derrick Crass — an Olympic weightlifter in 1984 and '88 — opened the Metro East Center for Conditioning And Health on Jan. 27. Located at 5308 N. Belt Way in Belleville, MECCA is an outpatient physical therapy clinic as well as a personal training studio.

Crass, 37, was a nine-time national champion in weightlifting and maintained a ranking of eighth in the world from 1982-1991. In 1992, he retired from lifting and ended a five-year stint as an officer with the Belleville Police Department.

"When I was still competing, I was taking therapy from Tony Delitto, who at the time was with the Irene and Walter Johnson Institute at Barnes Hospital (in St. Louis)," Crass said. "Now he's the program director for physical therapy at the University of Pittsburgh. He helped keep me together during the latter part of my competitive days and rehabbed me during all my surgeries."

"I was also the subject for a study Tony did that was published in the International Journal of Sports Medicine. It was about how electrical stimulation enhances to increase power. It was connected to muscular dystrophy research."

(Delitto) also encouraged my interest in physical therapy. At Barnes, they were working with infirm and debilitated people all the way up to people like me, athletes who were recovering from injuries. The academic side really impressed me. It made me want to further my education."

With Delitto's support, Crass applied to and was accepted to the physical therapy master's program at Washington University in St. Louis. He graduated in 1994.

Right out of (Belleville East) high school, I was accepted in Saint Louis University's physical therapy program, so I came full circle," Crass said. "But at that point, my lifting career was starting to take off. I was trying to make the Olympic team, and I did."

Crass attended St. Louis University for one year and eventually graduated from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 1992. He describes

his experiences since graduating from Washington University as "an interesting trip."

"For the first six months, I worked for a company that had me stationed in Louisiana in the middle of nowhere," Crass said. "I came back up here, and after a month or two, I was managing a clinic for them in Fairview Heights."

"I did that for about six months, until the middle of '95. But contractually, things didn't work out with that company, so I started doing home health work part-time. I also worked part-time in an outpatient physical therapy clinic in Crystal City, Mo."

"After that, I did home health full-time for almost a full year. I thought it was as good a time as any to make the plunge and open my own clinic. It's a wonderful opportunity to pursue the things you want to do."

Once Crass decided to open a clinic, the logical place to do it was in Belleville.

"I like this area, and it's easier to start a place where you have a chance to be known," Crass said. "I tried to put this into action for the past year."

"As far as services, I'll offer an eclectic mix of all my experiences

and travels. I've tried to pick services that are needed and are not now available in this area, and that I feel comfortable providing."

"We'll have two massage therapists here, who will be working for themselves and renting out space. We want to offer a complete package with a lot of individual and small group attention. That's lacking in a lot of the places I've seen. I want to have a close association with my clients to help them achieve their goals."

The spacious, well-lit main area at MECCA is filled with a variety of physical therapy, exercise and conditioning equipment.

"We'll have a lot of heart rate monitoring stuff," Crass said. "We'll be service people who don't want a health club atmosphere and want a much more personal approach."

I have a unique perspective at one end from being a high-performance Olympic weightlifter, which is pure power, and at the other end from Washington University education. For people who are not fit or who are injured, we'll use a combination of things and adjust them into one package."

"Another perspective I offer is competitive experience. There's not just the physical side of attaining goals, there's a psychological component I can tap into."

At the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, Crass ruptured ligaments in his elbow and knee while attempting a lift. Those injuries eventually led to his premature retirement, but a strenuous rehab program enabled him to reach the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea and he went to compete for another four years.

"We can do sport-specific, occupation-specific and recreation-specific programs," Crass said. "Our equipment is not all for lifting. We have medicine balls and a lot of cardiovascular stuff. I hope to work closely with a lot of the local high school sports teams and coaches, but we'll have programs for people of all ages."

MECCA's hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 235-3531. The e-mail address is mecca@stnet.com.

## PREP/COLLEGE STANDINGS

### GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Edwardsville	6-0	15-4	
Belleville East	5-1	12-11	
Collinsville	4-2	9-13	
Belleville West	4-3	9-13	
Alton	2-4	7-9	
Granite City	1-6	2-15	
E. St. Louis	0-6	1-12	

Mississippi Valley			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Highland	4-0	10-10	
Jersenville	4-1	13-4	
Mascoutah	3-2	6-9	
Civic Memorial	2-4	2-13	
Triad	2-4	2-13	
Waterloo	0-4	4-13	

Cahokia			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Carlyle	6-0	17-2	
Bessemer C.	5-1	12-7	
Frederburg	3-3	11-9	
Westville	2-2	5-9	
Columbia	3-1	6-10	
Lebanon	2-4	7-11	
Dupo	1-4	3-11	
Red Bud	0-6	1-12	
New Athens	0-6	1-12	

South Seven			
Team	Conf	Overall	
O'Fallon	4-0	10-10	
Carbondale	2-3	8-8	
Centerville	2-3	8-8	
Cahokia	0-2	0-6	

South Central			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Rockton	2-0	8-3	
Marquette	1-1	10-3	
Wood River	0-2	1-9	

Great Overland Trails			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Orchard Farm	2-0	7-3	
Westminster	1-0	6-3	
Metro East	2-2	10-5	
Lutheran S.C.	0-2	3-7	
Siles	0-0	3-4	

Independents			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Lancaster	0-0	1-1	
Oakville	0-0	1-1	
Water Del	0-0	1-1	
Gilbert	0-0	1-1	
Albion	0-0	1-1	
Madison	0-0	1-1	

Women's College			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Fontbonne	13-2	18-1	
BAC	14-4	18-1	
Illinois	1-1	9-5	
St. Louis U.	1-1	9-5	
SIUE	1-1	10-9	
McKendree	0-0	0-0	

### BOYS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Edwardsville	6-0	14-1	
Belleville East	5-1	12-11	
Collinsville	4-2	12-8	
Alton	3-3	11-7	
Granite City	2-4	10-6	
E. St. Louis	1-5	5-10	
Belleville West	0-6	5-13	

Mississippi Valley			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Highland	4-0	10-11	
Mascoutah	3-2	10-10	
Waterloo	3-2	8-9	
Civic Memorial	2-4	2-14	
Triad	0-4	2-14	
Jersenville	0-4	2-14	

Cahokia			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Bessemer C.	4-1	15-4	



(Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)

Venice's Shondell Matkins lays in an easy win a victory against Triad. The Red Devils are 10-8 this season.

South Seven			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Red Bud	3-1	12-6	
Carlyle	2-1	14-7	
Dupo	2-1	10-6	
Westville	1-2	7-12	
Frederburg	1-2	5-14	
Marissa	0-4	4-14	

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Team	Conf	Overall	
Rockton	3-0	15-1	
Marquette	3-0	17-3	
O'Fallon	1-1	11-8	
Carbondale	1-3	7-8	
Cahokia	1-3	10-9	

Great Overland Trails			
Team	Conf	Overall	
Orchard Farm	3-0	15-2	
Westminster	3-0	15-2	
Valley Park	1-1	1-1	
Hannock	1-1	1-1	

# Registration approaches for Township Baseball/Softball

The Township Baseball/Softball League provides recreational opportunities for all to participate in baseball, softball and tee-ball.

Everyone up is guaranteed a spot on the team. All players are given a team hat and shirt to keep.

The cost is \$35 per child and \$75 maximum per family. Also, baseball and softball players are provided a pair of pants to use for the season for a \$5 deposit. Players pants and shirt sizes are required. Players pants and shirt sizes are required.

Children in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten and will play tee-ball; grades 1-2 will play instructional; grades 3-4 will play rookie; grades 5-6 will play AA; grades 7-8 will play AA; and grade 9 will play AAA. Grade is based on child's grade at the time of registration.

The instructional and Rookie divisions utilize pitching machines.

Registration is at Troy Community Center in the Tri-Township Park in Troy and the Marine Stop-N-Go in Marine. Registration sessions are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 7; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 9; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 19; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 21.

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recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

### Elks Soccer Discourse

Coaches and soccer enthusiasts are invited to the Granite City Elks' Soccer Discourse '98, a symposium with proceeds being donated to Illinois Elks' Crippled Children.

The symposium is set for Thursday, Feb. 12, costs \$50 per participant and will be held at the Elks Lodge in Granite City. It is designed to benefit crippled children, interested coaches, soccer enthusiasts and the game itself. To register, make a check for \$50 (per person) payable to Granite City Youth Athletic and mail to Gene Baker, 1761 Vista Ridge, St. Louis, Mo. 63138.

The symposium schedule is as follows:

8 a.m. — Registration

8:30-9:15 a.m. — MacMurry College: Bill Killen ("The When and Where of Wall Passing"); Joel Wallace ("Goalie Defense and Restarts"); 9:30-10:15 a.m. — Rockhurst College: Tony Tocco ("System of Play")

10:30-11:15 a.m. — Indiana University: Mike Freitag ("A Hoosier Recruiter")

11:15 a.m.-12 noon — DeMet High School: Greg Vitello ("Team Discipline")

12 noon-1 p.m. — Lunch

1-1:45 p.m. — Saint Louis University: Bob Warming ("The Attacking Third")

2-2:45 p.m. — Wright State University: Hilton Deyes ("The Striker")

3-3:45 p.m. — Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville: Brian Korbesmeyer ("Goalie Mechanics")

4-5:30 p.m. — Hospitality

### Tennis tournament

The Kings Point Birthday Junior Classic tennis tournament will be Feb. 6-8 at Kings Point Racquet Club. For information, call 277-7715.

## •Partl

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ing week on Dec. 1.

He certainly has the ability to roll a perfect game every time he steps on the lane. But it is not the huge scores which move in your favor. It is the consistency in Partl's game.

We've bowled 64 games counting tryouts, practices and matches and Tom has an average of 216," Tayloe said. "His consistency is what makes him so good. He has a 216 average in league play and that's bowling at six different centers. He can adjust to any lane or condition."

That is something that other bowlers in the SIBCB have not mastered.

"People think this is an easy sport," Partl said. "But it takes a lot of practice to be consistent. There are different conditions you have to adjust to in bowling just like there are in golf. You need not only strength but also a good mind to have success in bowling."

## •Voellinger

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Such figures make this observer appreciate the efforts of all the MVCHA parents, coaches, players, cheerleaders, officials, and sponsors who move forward with or without support from area high schools (some ignore identifying with the club teams even though the school nicknames are used).

Amazingly, the league survives without getting gifts like the \$125,000 the Chicago Blackhawks recently gave to northern Illinois amateur hockey.

In addition to Guarino and Hemmer, other MVCHA board members are Mitch Dugger, first vice-president; Larry Thatcher, second vice-president; Denny Gerling, referee liaison; Dr. Gary Clark, Bob Moshegan, and Joe Phil Stack, treasurer; Debbie Vandevord, secretary, and Charlotte Sparks, statistician.

By Patrick C. Staff writer

1998 is the year of one of the high school basketball players in southern Illinois. A quartet of seniors — C. Vaughn of Taylor of Dongola, T. of Oakville, S. of Sesser Valley, and J. of Sesser Valley — are vying for the title of the most prominent prep basketball player in the state.

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## •Lincoln—

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the Tigers had the answers and maintained its margin.

After T.C. Carter's two free throws moved Belleville West into 44-37, Miles answered with a smooth turnaround jumper. After Curtis Williams hit one of two free throws with 3:21 to play, Lincoln attacked Belleville West on the made free throw with a fast break that resulted in Terrence Slater's layin. That gave Lincoln a 48-38 edge with 3:21 to play.

West finally converted a field goal

with 2:43 remaining in the game — a layin by Williams, but Lincoln did not falter on its attempts from the free-throw line. The Tigers hit 8 of its next 12 free throws while West still struggled in its shooting.

Slater led Lincoln with 14 points while Miles added 12 and George Mumphard scored eight. Three more Lincoln players were in the scoring column: Kevin Gilmore with eight and Craig Brown and Dewayne Watson with six apiece.

Miles also had eight block shots as the Tigers altered several more Maroons attempted inside.

West led 12-9 after the first quarter and trailed just 20-19 at halftime.

Lincoln made its break midway through the third quarter with a 9-2 spree. After Carter made two free throws for Belleville West to tie the game 28-28, Lincoln came back on the attack with Slater taking an awkward pass from Gilmore and converting the layin. Gilmore then picked a steal off Carter and went to the hole to make the score 32-28. After two missed free throws by West, Slater scored from inside to make the lead six points.

West's Todd Baltz made a nifty

baseline move and layin to close the gap to four. West had another possession but Miles came up with a block and Slater followed with a trey to make the score 37-30.

Lincoln ended the quarter clinging to a 40-33 edge. West had a chance to convert three free throws after a foul, but no time remaining in the period, but the Maroons could make only one of the three to get within seven. They would get no closer with Carter's 3-pointer ending the game.

For the Maroons, Carter scored 12 and Travis Jones scored 11.

East St. Louis Lincoln 56,  
Belleville West 49

Lincoln — Terrence Slater 14, Darius Miles 12, George Mumphard 10, Kevin Gilmore 8, Craig Brown 6, Dewayne Watson 6.

Belleville West — Demarco Smith 2, Bryan Swift 7, David Miles 8, Matt Stump 2, Curtis Williams 5, Travis Jones 11, T.C. Carter 12, Todd Baltz 2.

Lincoln	9	11	20	16	56
Belleville West	11	7	14	16	49

## •Warriors—

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at the end of the game taking care of the ball and making a good pass and cut to get the last shot. We were definitely fortunate to win.

Edwardsville made just 7 of 16 free throws, while the Warriors were a scorching 12 of 12 from the foul line, including a 1 of 9 display in the first half.

"You want to talk about the last play, you ought to talk about the missed free throws before that," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "If we'd have made free throws, that last play wouldn't have mattered."

And while Zack May and Juaneel Goodwin took turns applying token pressure while the Warriors held for the last shot, VanBuskirk said he wasn't about to abandon the zone that had put the Warriors in a position to win.

"We can't chase them," said VanBuskirk, whose Warriors played host to Alton on Saturday. "We have to hope we play good defense, they miss a shot and we get a chance."

"Obviously, he wanted us to come out and get them. They're the best team in the area, it's a tie game ... and I don't think they were sure who was going to take that last shot. We had a breakdown on the weak side — those things happen."

— John VanBuskirk  
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A Tigers loss would have dropped them into a first-place tie with Belleville East in the SWC and certainly would have cost Edwardsville a No. 1 seed in the Class AA sectional. But, Waldo was more concerned with winning Friday night than the ramifications of defeat.

"I really don't think that much about the sectional games as it is and if you spend your time looking forward, you won't enjoy what you're doing now," Waldo said Friday night. "We'll try to win (Saturday) and try to win (Tuesday) (against Clive Memorial) and see what happens."

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## •Flyers—

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will give him plenty of arguing power Wednesday night.

"I think we have been playing well lately whereas a team like Jacksonville has been off 100 is now 125 going into the weekend. So they have been 2-5 in their last seven games."

It did not get any easier for the Crimsonos during the week-end. Friday night, the Crimsonos hosted the Lincoln Rail splitters and on Saturday night they hosted Quincy.

A top four seed would insure the Kahoks of getting to host two games at home. The what was at stake.

The opening quarter was a great display of high school basketball. Both teams were knocking shots at a steady clip.

The score changed hands three times before the Kahoks finally took the lead for good with a strong move to the bucket by Matt Parker.

Shaun Moore's 10-footer with 3.4 seconds remaining gave the Kahoks a 19-14 lead after the opening quarter.

CHS pushed its lead to seven twice in the second quarter and was leading 23-16 when Kendrick Baker's jumper was followed by Robert LaBon's block shot and Darris Jones' bucket as the Flyers quickly cut the lead to 23-20. However, before the half would end, the Kahoks regained their seven-point advantage (30-23).

"They came out with a lot of emotion and they hit their first three or four shots, but we hit ours too," Bone said. "(Steve) Dougherty came out and hit a couple of 3's. It would have been real easy for us to come out and be down by 7-0. We were actually ahead 9-7, which was a big factor. Then we were able to get the lead and then expand on it in the second half. We played well. We played with the way we came down here and played. This is not an easy place to win."

The Kahoks put the game on ice in the fourth with their rutil shooting from the charity stripe.

Parker led the Kahoks with a game-high 16 points. Kevin Asbrock cashed in with 14 points. Steve Dougherty had three treys en route to 11 points and Moore added 10.

Steve Reid paced the Flyers with 14 points. He was the only East St. Louis player to score in double figures.

"We weren't a spectacular team, we were just solid," Bone said. "We did the things we had to do late in the fourth quarter. When we got up we were able to run a lot of clock with our offense and then we got a three-point play at the end of it and then all of sudden it was the ballgame."

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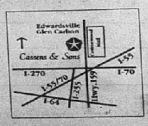
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Public Relations professionals help sell products, organizations, people

The advertising slogan for a certain popular soft drink recently changed from "I Like the Sprite in You" to "Image Is Nothing."

Other people might say, however, that image is everything. How the general public perceives something or someone can help make them a success or failure.

Communicating that image is the work of public relations people. They act as spokespersons for organizations and create an awareness of companies, products and individuals.

Kim Stein  
Associates



and newspaper reporters informed of film opening dates, make sure they are able to preview a new film and arrange interviews with major celebrities.

"You have to be organized, extremely organized," Stein said. "You have to know how to talk to people. I'm always dealing with studios and the press. You have to have a relationship with everyone."

Mailing publicity materials is another big part of the job for Stein and Jackson. They make sure that their press people receive screening passes, press kits and anything else needed to write movie reviews and features.

new films. She calls reviewers after they've seen a film for a reaction and sends copies of their reviews immediately after they are published.

Some companies want people with with degrees in mass communications.

"This job is pretty much about experience, though," Stein said. "I was studying for a degree in communications at Meramec and there was a woman there who handled intern-

"I interned at one firm for six months until a position opened up. I didn't have a degree but I did have the experience."

After spending weeks or even months on a job search, getting a solid offer from a company is like hitting the jackpot. But for some job hunters, the offer is not the end of the employment jitters. All that has to work out is the offer itself.

Some job hunters may not feel comfortable, however, taking the very first offer they receive. They will risk a sure thing in the hope that something even better will come along. "I tell you this, if you're in a position where you should be able to tell from your own research, your gut feeling or the interview itself that you're going to accept an offer," said Deborah Kettler, director of career services at the University of Maryland, "then you should be able to say, 'I really want to work there.'"

Job seekers typically have several resumes and applications under consideration at various companies. When they receive an offer from one firm, it's time to select.

"If you hem and haw at an offer, the company is not going to like it," Kettler said. "They'll know you're playing them against someone else. If you have been interviewing with another company, say 'I'm very excited about your offer. I'd like to get back to you.'"

"Call the other firm and say 'I have a job offer, but I'd really like to pursue a position with your company. Can you give me the status of my application?' Most companies will be very honest," she said.

Applicants may think they need to negotiate for a larger salary before accepting a position. They might feel that their skills are worth a lot more money than what is initially offered.

Instead of getting the extra money, however, some people may negotiate themselves right out of a job offer. Most companies keep track of what is industry standard pay for a job and have salary guidelines.

"They have a job, you have experience. How much is your experience worth to them?" Kettler said. "It's OK to negotiate if you do it skillfully, with the right attitude and have something to negotiate with."

"Most companies don't like to negotiate salaries. That's a turnoff. The company will make a fair offer at first. They have salary guidelines. They're not shooting in the dark," she said.

Like the other parts of the job search process, accepting an offer or negotiating a salary just requires some old-fashioned common sense.

"Look at it from the employer's point of view," Kettle said. "Think about what you're going to do so you don't turn an employer off. Most people negotiate very badly."

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